

100,000 AMERICAN WOMEN TO FIGHT THE MORMON CONGRESSMAN.

Christian Women of the Presbyterian Church Ask the Help of Their Sisters All Over the Country to Prevent Congressman-Elect Roberts, of Utah, Who Has Three Wives, from Taking His Seat.



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If this avowed bigamist is admitted to Congress, it will be a lasting disgrace and a blot upon our civilization. The American people should be awakened to the defiant strength of the Mormon Church.

One can hardly express too strongly what it means to admit to the United States Legislature a man of this stamp and with these principles, who within the last year has married his fourth wife.

That he has been elected by the people of Utah is a striking illustration of the defiant attitude of Mormonism, and should awaken the American public to the dangerous strength of the Mormon Church and the spread of its doctrines.

Our protest, it is hoped, will arouse the women all over the country to the sense of their duty in an emergency such as this and cause a tremendous movement not only against the seating of Brigham Roberts, but against the evils of Mormonism and especially in wiping out polygamy. It is hoped through the influence of the vast army of women in our organization and others that the various State legislatures will call upon Congress to amend the Constitution so as to stamp out polygamy with the same force that slavery was abolished.

MR. BRIGHAM H. ROBERTS do not look upon polygamy with that hatred which its very name inspired among the women of the Gentiles. Mr. Roberts has three wives, and lives with all of them, one after another, week in and week out, turn and turn about, as is the habit of Mormon gentlemen of family.

Christian women of the Presbyterian Churches throughout America one hundred thousand strong are organizing against Mr. Roberts and his three wives. They have sought the aid of other church women of all denominations to join in an uprising to rear this polygamist from his seat in Congress. They claim that he is a confessed violator of the law, for he is a polygamist, and polygamy is forbidden by the Constitution of the United States. George D. Cannon, a polygamist, was a delegate to Congress twenty years ago. He was unseated because of that fact.

He has been elected, fairly and squarely by the Australian ballot system. In the good old "all-male-free-and-equal-as-long-as-they-can-vote" fashion.

The Christian women can do nothing about that. They are a little too late.

But they can and do protest against Mr. Roberts taking his seat in Congress. They are holding meetings and writing tracts and making speeches and buttonholing local politicians, and doing everything that mortal woman very much in earnest can do to get each and every Congressman to pledge himself to protest against sitting in fellowship with Mr. Roberts, of Utah, and his openly avowed polygamous record.

The first big public meeting will be held in New York by the Presbyterian Women's Board of Home Missions on December 23. Eugene Young, a grandson of Brigham Young, will deliver the address of the evening. He proposes to tell his listeners some rather startling things about modern Mormonism. In the meantime, the ladies of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions are working like beavers to get the co-operation of the women of all sects.

The White Ribbon Warriors are up in arms, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union workers are said to be discussing an active and extensive campaign against Mr. Roberts and his record.

The Congregational, Methodist, Baptist and Protestant Episcopal churches have been urged to take up the matter, and every woman's club in the country is being terrorized by earnest workers, who beg the women of America to protest against this apparent endorsement of the practices of polygamy.

The women of America are well aware that the women of Utah are more in number than the men of Utah, and they also know that women vote in Utah. Therefore, it is rather apparent that Mormon women all.

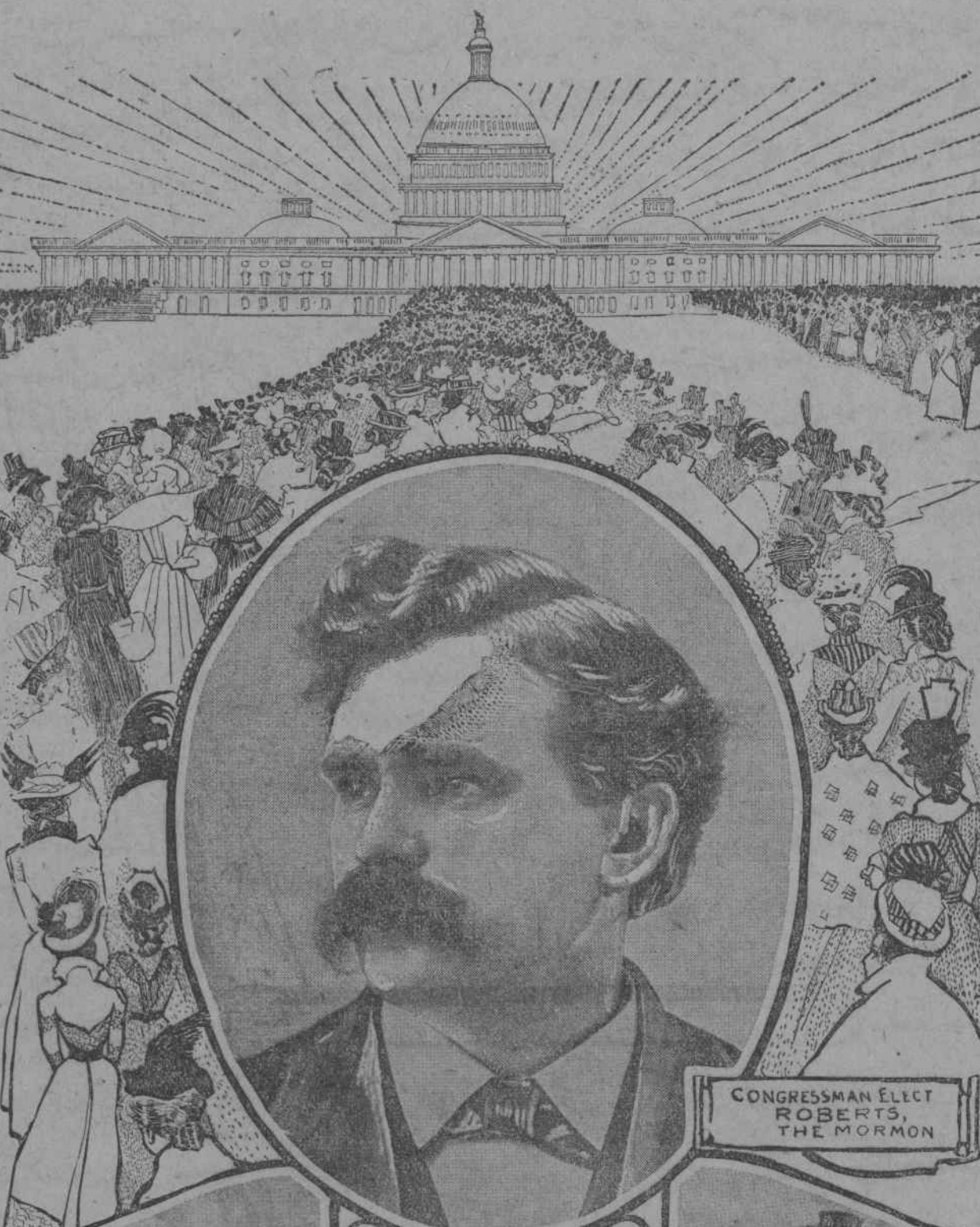
Appeal to Women's Home Missionary Societies.

DEAR FRIENDS—The Presbyterian Woman's Board of Home Missions earnestly calls upon women of similar organizations of other denominations to co-operate in persistent effort to give information of the dangerous growth of Mormonism; to circulate literature for this purpose; and, in view of the specific cause for action at this juncture, to unite in securing personal letters to Congressmen in their districts, protesting against the seating of Brigham H. Roberts, the Congressman-elect from Utah, an avowed polygamist, whose election plainly shows the defiant attitude of the Mormons.

With the hope that earnest purpose and prompt, concerted action will arouse public sentiment.

Sincerely yours,
WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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CONGRESSMAN-ELECT
ROBERTS,
THE MORMON



WIFE NO. 1



WIFE NO. 3



WIFE NO. 2

He does not make the slightest pretense of denying his three wives. "I am a polygamist," he says, in effect. "I was one before the new law was made prohibiting plural marriage. I have taken

no new wives since that law. I am certainly not going to desert the ones I had—the women who have stood by me, through poverty and hard luck, and helped me to find good fortune at last—just to walk into

By Brigham H. Roberts, Congressman-Elect from Utah.

I CANNOT discuss the protest of the Presbyterian Woman's Board of Home Missions against my election to Congress, but upon the general stand that has been taken by many in the East and by Governor Wells, of Utah, in particular, I feel free to express myself.

My position is that of any true man brought up in the faith of our religion and acquainted with the system of plural marriage that has obtained in Utah for fifty years. Such a man knows that the system was accepted by the pure women who entered into its obligations as a sacred rite, sanctioned by the ceremony of a holy church.

He knows that the settlement of that question, after years of strife and heartache left upon men moral obligations from which no decree of the church could release them, and no act of the State absolve them.

He knows that the demand of the American people, as expressed through their representatives in the American Congress in the enabling act, went no further than this: "That perfect tolerance of religious sentiment shall be secured. . . . provided that polygamous or plural marriages are prohibited." That is, the demand went so far as to prohibit future marriages, but no further.

He knows that in the settlement of the question of polygamy in the Utah constitutional convention a territorial law which paralleled Congressional enactment on the same subject, viz.: the Edmunds-Tucker bill was split in two and the part of that law which forbids plural marriages was taken and adopted into the Constitution. The part relating to cohabitation was purposely omitted, because there was no demand in the enabling act to interfere with existing relations growing out of the Mormon system of marriage.

It was the intention of the convention not to interfere with these relations, because not called upon to do so. These statements define my position in the controversy that is threatened over my election to the House of Representatives.



MRS. CORNELIUS STEVENS
OF PHILADELPHIA

By Mrs. Cornelius Stevens, President of the Philadelphia Civic Club.

WHILE I cannot say what the action of the club would be in such circumstances, I have no doubt that but one opinion could be entertained by its members, and that would most emphatically be against the seating of this man in one of the chambers of the nation's parliament. I do not know whether a polygamist would be amenable to the Federal laws of the country, but I cannot help saying that the admission of a polygamist to the Congress of the United States would be an insult to the people of the country.

I am under the impression—and it is merely an impression—that when Utah was admitted into the sisterhood of States the provision was made, or at least the understanding was arrived at, that polygamy should be abolished. If this be so, Mr. Roberts's election was a direct violation of a solemn pledge, or law, whatever it may be, and was an insult to the Legislature of the United States.

The admission of a self-confessed polygamist to Congress would be an insult to every woman in America.

By Mrs. J. F. Pingree, Assistant Secretary of the Presbyterian Women's Board of Home Missions.

IN protesting against giving the seat in the House of Representatives to Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, the Presbyterian Board of Woman's Home Missions is simply doing the duty that is presented to it as part of its work among Mormons. As Christian women who are trying to prevent the spread of Mormon influence and gradually stamp it out, the election of an avowed polygamist to the United States Congress is too dangerous to be overlooked by us.

my seat in Congress, in peace. "I am breaking no law—and I shall break none. If Congress made a law declaring it a penal offense to have more than one child, would you expect every father of a family to desert all his children but one?"

He also hints that he is only following out the but thinly veiled practice of the Mormons—in keeping up the old relations of polygamy—and he more than hints that he does not see whose business it is, if a man sticks to the promises he made twenty years ago, before the making those promises was considered a crime.

Mr. Roberts's frank and somewhat courageously avowed sentiments but add fuel to the flame of indignation which his election has fanned into a blaze of indignation among the Gentile churches and mission societies.

The Presbyterian Synod of Utah is out in a resolution, which runs as follows:

For Amendment to Federal Constitution.—The Synod of Utah has taken the following action: "Whereas, it is known to the members of this Synod and to the general public that polygamy, under the guise of 'celestial' or 'plural marriage,' is not only being taught as a fundamental doctrine to the young people among the Latter Day Saints, but is being openly practiced by the Mormon leaders in violation of the Constitution and laws of Utah, and of the most solemn promises made to the people of these United States by said leaders; Therefore, Be it Resolved, 1. That the Synod of Utah, comprising as it does the State of Utah, the larger part of Idaho, and the western portion of Wyoming, earnestly urges that all people everywhere in our country who favor law, order and morality, do at once begin the necessary agitation and write in a memorial to Congress, petitioning that body to propose an amendment to the Federal Constitution, and submit the same to the

Legislatures of the various States, defining legal marriage as monogamous, and forbidding polygamy under whatever guise it may exist as unlawful cohabitation, polyandry, polygamy and celestial or plural marriage; Resolved, 2. That the Synod of Utah hereby appeals to every Presbyterian in our Church to overture the next General Assembly in harmony with the above. J. W. Knott, Moderator; J. H. Barton, Stated Clerk.

In Philadelphia Mrs. E. V. Gillespie and Mrs. A. T. Hart are members of a local committee which is agitating public opinion up to the point of a big mass meeting of protest.

The press of Utah is torn by conflicting emotions. The Mormon press does not openly uphold polygamy. It denounces the idea that any Mormon is making polygamous marriage nowadays and it maintains a discreet silence upon the subject of such Mormons who are publicly known to declare that they will see the whole United States and the Senators and Congressmen therein at the bottom of the deep sea before they will voluntarily give up the wives of their youth, taken before the passing of the law which forbade polygamy.

The Gentile press of Utah has no notion of being so conciliatory. It arises in its might and says things.

One of these things is that polygamy is not dying out, and that the election of Mr. Brigham Roberts is simply a rest of public opinion made by those who wish to see how far they can go with safety.

If Roberts is allowed to retain his seat the Gentile partisans declare that the next Congressman from Utah will have more than one wife, and that then more than one will be married since the no-plural marriage law was passed.

The Church itself and the elders thereof remain piously and diplomatically silent.

They have, they declare, absolutely nothing to say.

LIVE DOGS AS FOOD FOR SICK LIONS.

AT the Lincoln Park Zoo, in Chicago, the surgeons are trying to keep the big African lion alive by feeding him on live dogs, while the president of the Humane Society protests and stands champion for the dogs.

Within the last ten years, twenty-seven African lions have died in the Lincoln Park Zoo, representing a loss of more than \$10,000. Keepers diagnosed the trouble as paralysis and disposed of the bodies in various ways. Within a year Chicago physicians have become interested and have pronounced the cause to be rickets.

Finding the cause, the physicians have prescribed the remedy. The remedy is a dietary of yellow dogs from the pound, but President John G. Shortall, of the Humane Society, with more consideration for the dogs than the lion, claims this treatment must cease, as being plainly against the laws of the S. P. C. A.

As a result Nero, a handsome young African lion, two years old, lies crumpled on the floor of his cage in the animal house, unable to stand on his swollen legs, and a dozen other members of the cat tribe are in danger of the same disease.

According to the medical men, rickets may affect any animal in its immaturity. They say it is a softening of the bone, caused by lack of the lime element in nutrition, or because of deficiency in the organs of assimilation. In the Lincoln Park lions the softened bones of the forelegs curve downward and become rigid, while the hind legs assume the stiffened shape of the letter "S." Withered air and lack of sunshine are the enemies of improper food in producing rickets. Left to its final course the disease paralyzes almost every organ in the body.



Poor Nero, the Sick Chicago Lion, Who Is Dying of Rickets Because He Can't Have Live Dogs as Food.